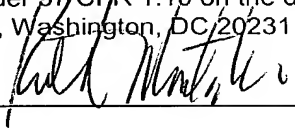


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The above-identified application is filed concurrently herewith, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, before Technical Field, insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority of Japanese International Application No. PCT/JP01/02774 filed March 30, 2001, the complete disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 6 as follows:

3. (Amended) A charging system according to claim 1, wherein said portable device is a portable terminal device having a portable device side storage means for storing the identifier of the user, a display means for displaying a list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information, an input

means for receiving operation of the user, a selection means for selecting any of the plurality of billing accounts in response to the operation of the user to the input means, and an output means for outputting billing account information of the billing account selected by the selection means.

6. (Amended) A charging system according to claim 1,
wherein said portable device is a card storing the identifier of the user and billing account information of any billing account of the plurality of billing accounts, the billing account information being rewritable, and
the identifier of the user and the billing account information being readable.

Add new claims 16 - 19 as follows:

- 16. (New) A charging system according to claim 2,
wherein said portable device is a portable terminal device having a portable device side storage means for storing the identifier of the user, a display means for displaying a list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information, an input means for receiving operation of the user, a selection means for selecting any of the plurality of billing accounts in response to the operation of the user to the input means, and an output means for outputting billing account information of the billing account selected by the selection means.

17. (New) A charging system according to claim 16,
wherein the portable device side storage means of said portable device stores the plural pieces of billing account information of the plurality of billing accounts owned by the user.

18. (New) A charging system according to claim 16,
wherein said control server transmits the plural pieces of billing account information corresponding to the identifier of the user which are stored in the storing means to said portable device, and
wherein the display means of said portable device displays the list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information which are transmitted from said control server.

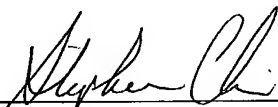
19. (New) A charging system according to claim 2,
wherein said portable device is a card storing the identifier of the user and billing
account information of any billing account of the plurality of billing accounts, the billing
account information being rewritable, and
the identifier of the user and the billing account information being readable.--

REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted to include the cross-referencing of the
Japanese priority and to eliminate the multiple dependency of Claims 3 - 6 in order to
reduce the filing fee. New claims 16 - 19 were added. No new matter is added. Entry into
the application is earnestly solicited.

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MARKED-UP SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amended Claims 3 and 6:

3. (Amended) A charging system according to claim 1[or claim 2], wherein said portable device is a portable terminal device having a portable device side storage means for storing the identifier of the user, a display means for displaying a list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information, an input means for receiving operation of the user, a selection means for selecting any of the plurality of billing accounts in response to the operation of the user to the input means, and an output means for outputting billing account information of the billing account selected by the selection means.

6. (Amended) A charging system according to claim 1[or claim 2], wherein said portable device is a card storing the identifier of the user and billing

account information of any billing account of the plurality of billing accounts, the billing account information being rewritable, and
the identifier of the user and the billing account information being readable.

New Claims 16 - 19 as follows:

--16. (New) A charging system according to claim 2,
wherein said portable device is a portable terminal device having a portable device side storage means for storing the identifier of the user, a display means for displaying a list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information, an input means for receiving operation of the user, a selection means for selecting any of the plurality of billing accounts in response to the operation of the user to the input means, and an output means for outputting billing account information of the billing account selected by the selection means.

17. (New) A charging system according to claim 16,
wherein the portable device side storage means of said portable device stores the plural pieces of billing account information of the plurality of billing accounts owned by the user.

18. (New) A charging system according to claim 16,
wherein said control server transmits the plural pieces of billing account information corresponding to the identifier of the user which are stored in the storing means to said portable device, and
wherein the display means of said portable device displays the list of the billing accounts based on the plural pieces of billing account information which are transmitted from said control server.

19. (New) A charging system according to claim 2,
wherein said portable device is a card storing the identifier of the user and billing account information of any billing account of the plurality of billing accounts, the billing account information being rewritable, and
the identifier of the user and the billing account information being readable.--